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| In re Application of:                 | ) |                         |
| Masataka NISHIKAWA et al.             | ) | Confirmation No.: 2773  |
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| Application No.: 10/568,685           | ) | Group Art Unit: 4153    |
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| Filed: February 17, 2006              | ) | Examiner: Jameson Q. Ma |
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| For: READER FOR IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC | ) |                         |
| TEST, CARTRIDGE APPLICABLE TO THIS,   | ) |                         |
| AND SYSTEM FOR EXAMINING              | ) |                         |
| IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC TEST PIECE      | ) |                         |

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**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 4, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 4, 2009, by the concurrently-filed petition for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows: